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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REUNIFICATION OF IRELAND.

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, Ireland is an ancient and distinct island-nation that was
2 artificially partitioned by the United Kingdom with the Government of
3 Ireland Act of 1920; and

4 WHEREAS, the partition divided the nation into Northern Ireland,
5 which is composed of six northern counties and is one of the four
6 constituent countries of the United Kingdom, and Southern Ireland,
7 which would eventually become the Republic of Ireland, and which
8 consists of the remaining twenty-six counties; and

9 WHEREAS, negotiated with American support, the Belfast
10 Agreement, commonly known as the Good Friday Agreement, was
11 ratified by the British and Irish Governments on April 10, 1998; and

12 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement represents a fundamental
13 political advance that created a framework and a mechanism for
14 further political development toward the final resolution of the Irish
15 issue of reunification; and

16 WHEREAS, the partition was designed to be a transitory solution,
17 the time has come to move toward ending the partition of Ireland in
18 favor of a united, sovereign nation that guarantees equal rights and
19 equal opportunities for all its citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, the Irish Republic is a member of the European
21 Economic Union and a unified, independent Irish economy is the most
22 effective way to grow that economy and the most fair and impartial
23 path to extend the benefits of such growth to all Ireland; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States and state of Connecticut have greatly
25 benefited from the contributions of the sons and daughters of Ireland;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, human and civic rights derive "their just powers from
28 the consent of the governed" and are best guaranteed by the people's
29 freely instituted, duly elected and independent government; and

30 WHEREAS, an end to partition should be supported by all
31 democratic-minded people and people of good will; and

32 WHEREAS, this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the
33 Easter Rising of 1916, the beginning of the Irish War for Independence,
34 it is fitting that this house express its sense that Irish Americans can
35 make a significant contribution toward achieving the goal of Irish
36 reunification.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut House
38 of Representatives pause in its deliberations to call upon the English
39 and Irish governments to take immediate steps necessary to bring to
40 fullness the promises of the unified Ireland called for and envisioned
41 by the Good Friday Agreement; and

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of
43 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the
44 Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland, the Ambassador for the
45 United Kingdom, the Prime Minister and the President of Ireland and

46 the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

GAE *House Favorable*